



The continued growth of the Parrsboro Lions Club has brought it some added recognition. It has been awarded a trophy as the 2010-2011 "Most Improved Club". (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)



The Parrsboro Lions Club continues to grow. On Nov 17th Alexander Lich, lights the candles, was officially welcomed into the Parrsboro Lions Club. Looking on is club member, Lyle Yorke. (Lawrence R. Nicoll Photo)

Formation of Women's Institutes in Nova Scotia

By Sheila Richards

The following is a brief history of how Women's Institutes was formed and how it was brought to Nova Scotia, which was prepared by Sheila Richards, District Director for Cumberland/Colchester, Public Relations Officer.

In 1897, Adelaide Hoodless' 18 month old son died from drinking impure milk, her husband belonged to a farmers' organization formed to find ways to improve animal husbandry and better crop production.

Adelaide decided to form an organization to educate women on modern methods of looking after their families and keeping house, to become responsible citizens and community leaders and to have opportunities for cultural and social activities.

By 1906, the idea of Women's Institutes began to spread to other Provinces. In 1911, Dr. Melville Cumming, the Principal of Nova Scotia Agricultural College and

Secretary of Agriculture for the province, visited Ontario. He recommended to the provincial government that this organization be established in Nova Scotia. The first Institute was organized in Salt Springs, Pictou County on July 17, 1913.

In 1919 the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) was formed to co-ordinate the work of the provinces and became the national voice for rural women in Canada.

Women's Institutes spread

quickly throughout the United Kingdom in the early 1930's due to the work of a British Columbia woman who had moved to England. Madge Watt proposed a world-wide association of rural women working together for the common good of the family. This was realized in 1933 when the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) was formed with representation from 26 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa

and North America.

Today, ACWW has over 7 million members in approximately 70 countries and has 7 representatives in the specialized agencies of the United Nations. Consequently, each member of Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia (WINS) has a provincial and an international voice.

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WCCS concert slated for December 13th

By Lacey Gilley

The days are getting shorter and the playground is getting colder! This can only mean one thing; winter is on its way! October and November have both been very busy months here at West Colchester Consolidated and at Bass River Elementary with many things going on!

The Home and School Group had their first meeting on Wednesday November 2nd and discussed many fundraisers and activities. One fundraiser that they have organized is a wreath sale. Students will be selling wreaths from now until November 21st which can be picked up at BRE or Great Village Elementary. On December 13 at our December Concert they will be selling tickets on baskets that will be drawn on that night.

Speaking of the December Concert, it will be held on Tuesday December 13th and will start at 6:30 pm and run until 7:30 pm. Students have already begun to talk about their performances that night and are having fun getting into the holiday spirit! Students from grades primary to 6 will be participating that night with plays, songs and readings.

Our Remembrance Day service was held on November 10th at the Veterans Memorial Park. It was a beautiful day and everyone thought that the park looked great! The students did a wonderful job participating and were very respectful throughout the service. We would like to thank Mrs. Flemming, Mrs. McCully, Ms. Lawrence and all of the students that made the day possible. We would also like to thank the park committee for allowing us to use the park, and a special thank-you to all the veterans that attended our service that day.

Boy's basketball try-outs were held on October 25th and 27th. Eleven boys from

junior high made the team. They are having practices Monday and Thursday after school with Mr. Geoff MacLean coaching. Try-outs for the girls' basketball team were held on November 2nd and 3rd and 12 junior high girls are on the team. Their practices are held after school on Tuesdays and at lunch on Wednesdays with Mrs. Tracy MacKay coaching. Good luck to both teams! We hope you have very successful seasons!

The Hackmatack Book Club has started at WCCS and altogether about 10 students are participating. Grades 5 to 6 meet at lunch on Thursdays. The grade 4 students meet with Mrs. Rubin at BRE every second Thursday. They will be reading books written by Canadian and Atlantic Canadian authors. After the books have been read students will vote for their favorite book and author, the author and book with the most votes will receive an award in Moncton on April 27th. Students from all across Atlantic Canada are participating and WCCS is very glad to be part of this club!

On October 14th the cross country runners went to Antigonish and all completed the race. There were 5 boys and 2 girls participating that day. Bethany MacKinnon and Kathleen Smith both competed in the 3 kilometer race in the junior girls division. Michael Congdon, William Cooper, Luke Smith, Noah Tremblay and Lucas Watson

participated in the 4 kilometer race in the junior boys division. There were a few rain showers and everyone agreed that it was a great experience. They are already looking forward to next year!

WCCS and BRE are holding a book drive! There is a specific list of books in the office and also in the newsletter. Books can be dropped off in the office. Your help is greatly appreciated!

On November 9th a dance was held at WCCS for elementary and junior high students. 32 kids from grades primary to 6 attended the elementary dance and 41 kids from grades 7-9 attended the junior high dance. It was a great night and everyone is looking forward to the planning of our upcoming dance in December!

On November 22nd junior high students took time out of their day to visit with author Leslie Choyce. He lives in the Maritimes and is a part-time teacher at Dalhousie University. He also runs the Pottersfield Press. He has written about 65 books and poems and has won The Dartmouth Book Award and the Ann Connor Brimer Award. We appreciate the time he took to come to Bass River and enjoyed our afternoon with him!

Once again, our December Concert will be held on Tuesday December 13th and everyone is welcome! Hopefully this will get everyone into the holiday spirit!



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